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In re Application of: Confirmation No.: 5906 Bryan A. Kraynack, et al.

Application No.: 10/561,324 Group Art Unit: 1635

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For: DOUBLE STRANDED COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING A 3'-ENDO

MODIFIED STRAND FOR USE IN GENE MODULATION

Commissioner For Patents

P.O.Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This response is in reply to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2007 (Office Action), setting a one (1) month shortened statutory period for response. The period for responding is hereby extended by four months by payment of the appropriate fee.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page

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Remarks begin on page 7.